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1. AS OF AUGUST 16 BURUNDI HAD NOT YET GRANTED AGREMENT FOR NEW NUNCIO REQUESTED BY VATICAN IN APRIL. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF NUNCIATURE IS OF OPINION THAT POPE PAUL'S DEATH RENDERED REQUEST FOR AGREMENT NULL AND INTENDS TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY IF BURUNDI (WHICH APPARENTLY DOES NOT SHARE THIS INTERPRETATION) GRANTS AGREMENT.

2. OPINIONS DIFFER AMONG WESTERN DIPLOMATS AS TO VALIDITY OF VATICAN CHARGE'S INTERPRETATION BUT I ASSUME THAT POLICY OF SENDING STATE WOULD PREVAIL.

3. MORE IMPORTANT IS FACT THAT WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR, PREPARING TO DEPART, RECEIVED AGREMENT FOR HIS SUCCESSOR WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER REQUEST. THIS ACTION OF BURUNDI GOVERNMENT WILL STRENGTHEN IMPRESSION ALREADY WIDELY HELD THAT BURUNDI DOES NOT AT THIS TIME WANT VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE AT LEVEL OF NUNCIO, WHO WOULD ALSO BE DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

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4. COMMENT: OPINIONS ALSO VARY AS TO REASONS FOR BURUNDI INACTION ON AGREMENT, ESPECIALLY AFTER VATICAN, IN DEFERENCE TO BURUNDI DESIRES, SEPARATED THE RWANDA AND BURUNDI NUNCIATURES. IT SEEMS TO US MOST LIKELY THAT BURUNDI SIMPLY DO NOT WANT HIGH LEVEL VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE OBSERVING THEIR HANDLING OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH CATHOLIC HIERARCHY AND CHURCH IN COUNTRY.
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